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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/26/08

SPONSOR Rodella LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 496

SHORT TITLE Village of Cuba Ambulance Services SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$125.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 496, Making an Appropriation to Contract for Ambulance Services for the Village of Cuba in Sandoval County, appropriates \$125.0 thousand from the general fund to DFA for the purpose of ambulance services.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$125.0 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH notes that New Mexico has approximately 450 Emergency Medical System (EMS) services. Many services are located in rural communities that have difficulty with providing financial support for day-to-day operations of a service. When emergency medical services are not provided to the community, patients will not be treated or transferred to appropriate care. If these services are not provided to the community, it is necessary for other health and medical services to backfill the emergency medical services. Patients in these communities may suffer due to longer response times and a diminished level of care.

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The Village of Cuba has a total population of 590 people. Residences are spread out and personal transportation is limited for some families. The ambulance service is a critical safety net for both residents and tourists. The ambulance service that serves the Village of Cuba is certified by the Public Regulation Commission as an Intermediate Life Support ambulance service. It has a physician medical director, EMS service director and a training coordinator. It responds when dispatched for all medical and traumatic health emergencies within the Village of Cuba and all of western Sandoval County.

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